

## INEBRIATES ACTS, IRELAND.

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## THE SEVENTH REPORT

(WITH APPENDICES)

OF THE

## INSPECTOR FOR IRELAND

UNDER

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1900,

For the Year 1910.

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, a copy of the Seventh Report for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900, for the year 1910.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. DOUGHERTY

The Inspector of Inebriate Retreats  
and Certified Inebriate Reformatories,  
Dublin Castle.

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## INEBRIATES ACTS, IRELAND.

Report for the year 1910 on the Certified Reformatories and the  
Retreat established under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

27th September, 1911.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF ABERDEEN,  
LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit this, the Seventh Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879, and the Inebriates Act, 1898.

CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORIES.

The new Certified Reformatory at Wexford for Roman Catholic females, which was referred to in previous Reports, was opened in 1910—the first patient having been admitted on the 4th March.

Twenty-two cases in all were admitted during the year 1910, including 5 transferred from the State Reformatory at Ennis. Of these, 1 woman was committed to Prison for insubordinate conduct and using threatening language, and was still in Prison on the 31st December, and another patient was out on licence at that date, leaving 20 in residence at the end of the year.

This Institution affords excellent accommodation, and is admirably managed by the Religious Community by whom it was established.

The accommodation provided in St. Patrick's Certified Reformatory, Waterford, continues as described in previous Reports, and is, I regret to say, far from satisfactory, owing to the want of sufficient ground for the employment and recreation of the inmates, as well as the cramped nature of the buildings generally.

At the beginning of the year there were 56 patients on the Register of this Institution, of whom 17 were out on licence. During the year, 20 were admitted; 24 were discharged; 2 were transferred to the Waterford District Lunatic Asylum; 1 was committed to Omagh District Asylum while out on licence; 3 were committed to Prison for gross insubordination and violence, and at the end of the year two of them were still in Prison, leaving 49 on the Register (including the two cases in Prison), of whom 17 were out on licence, so that 30 were resident on the 31st December, 1910.

The statistics relative to these Reformatories will be found in Appendix A, and the average cost of maintenance per patient in St. Patrick's (Waterford) during the year is shown in Appendix B.

## INEBRIATE RETREAT.

The Lodge Inebriate Retreat, Belfast, continues to be conducted in a highly satisfactory manner, and its condition, as well as that of the inmates, evokes most favourable comment at each succeeding visit.

The only cause for regret is that its operations are so limited, and even the small number (12) for which it is licensed, is seldom reached.

At the beginning of 1910 there were 11 patients in residence. During the year, 8 were admitted, and 11 were discharged, leaving on the register at the end of the year 8 patients, of whom one was absent by escape. She was, however, subsequently re-taken and brought back to the Institution.

Nine of the discharges took place in the ordinary course, on the expiration of the terms for which the patients had agreed to remain; 1 patient was discharged owing to ill-health; and 1 as unsuitable for the Institution, in consequence of being subject to severe fits.

The Hon. Secretary and the Matron continue to devote themselves unremittingly to the welfare of the patients.

Particulars relative to the Retreat and its inmates are given in tabular form in Appendix C.

It is with great regret I record the retirement on 31st July, 1910, and subsequent death of my predecessor, Sir George Plunkett O'Farrell, M.D., who acted as Inspector of Certified Inebriate Reformatories and Inebriate Retreats from the first establishment of these Institutions in Ireland; and whose labours on behalf of the reformation of inebriates, as well as in the wider sphere relating to the amelioration of the condition of the insane, have been universally recognized.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

THOMAS I. CONSIDINE.

## APPENDIX A.

Containing Tables relative to Certified Inebriate Reformatories.

TABLE I.  
List of Certified Reformatories.

Name and situation of Reformatory.	Date of Certificate.	Superintendent.	Medical Officer.	Person to whom Correspondence should be addressed.	Certified for the reception of		Number of patients received in the previous year.
					Number.	Sex.	
St. Patrick's, Waterford.	23rd June, 1908.	Rev. Edward McGuinness.	Alex. Ford, F.R.C.S., M.D., & R.C.P., 1889.	The Superintendent, St. Patrick's Inebriate Reformatory, Hennessy's road, Waterford.	40	Male.	30
St. Bridget's, Wexford.	31st December, 1908.	The Superiors, Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford.	A. M. J. Halligan, L.R.C.P. & S.I.	The Superintendent, St. Bridget's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford.	40	Female.	20

TABLE II.

A List showing the County Authorities which have made arrangements with existing Institutions for the reception of cases sent from Courts within their districts.

County Authorities.	Institution.	County Authorities.	Institution.
Carlow County Council.	St. Patrick's Reformatory, Waterford.	Antrim County Council.	St. Bridget's Reformatory, Wexford.
Cork County Borough Council.		Belfast County Borough Council.	
Cork County Council.		Carlow County Council.	
Dublin County Borough Council.		Cavan do.	
Dublin County Council.		Cork County Borough Council.	
Kerry do.		Cork County Council.	
Kildare do.		Down do.	
Kilkenny do.		Down do.	
Meath do.		Dublin County Borough Council.	
Roscommon do.		Dublin County Council.	
Tipperary (North Riding) do.		Galway do.	
Tyrone do.		Kerry do.	
Waterford County Borough Council.		Kildare do.	
Waterford County Council.		Kilkenny do.	
Westmeath do.		King's do.	
Wexford do.		Limerick do.	
		Londonderry do.	
		Meath do.	
		Monaghan do.	
		Roscommon do.	
		Tipperary (North Riding) do.	
		Tipperary (South Riding) do.	
		Tyrone County Council.	
		Waterford County Borough Council.	
		Waterford County Council.	
		Westmeath do.	
		Wexford do.	
		Wicklow do.	

Note.—The numbers to be received are limited in some cases.

TABLE III.

Showing the number of Persons admitted each year to certified Reformatories.

Reformatory.	Under Section I.										Under Section II.					Totals.	
	1906.		1907.		1908.		1909.		1910.		1911.		1912.				
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
St. Patrick's, Waterford	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	18	—	35	—	107
St. Bridget's, Wexford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	15	29
Totals .. ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	9	—	18	—	35	—	129

## APPENDIX A.

TABLE IV.

Details of Commitals (exclusive of transfers from other Reformatories) under Section I. of the Inebriates Act, 1898, during the year 1910.

Number in Reformatory.	Court.	Offence (in addition to offence of Habitual Drunkenness).	Sentence.	
			Prison.	Reformatory.
19	Rosemount Quarter Sessions.	Attempted Suicide.	—	3 years.

TABLE V.

Details of Convictions each year under Section II. of the Inebriates Act, 1898.

Year.		Found guilty of being a Habitual Drunkard, of having been at least three times convicted of drunkenness during the previous 12 months, and on a subsequent offence of being				
		While drunk guilty of disorderly behaviour.	Found drunk in a public place.	Found drunk on licensed premises.	Found drunk in charge of a vehicle.	Total.
1906,	...	1	8	—	—	9
1907,	...	5	13	1	—	19
1908,	...	5	20	—	—	25
1909,	...	6	25	1	2	34
1910,	...	8	26	1	1	36
Totals,	...	25	91	3	3	122

TABLE VI.

Details of the Ages of all Cases admitted each year to Certified Reformatories.

Year.	Sex.	16 Years and under 21.	21 Years and under 25.	25 Years and under 30.	30 Years and under 35.	35 Years and under 40.	40 Years and upwards.	Total.
1906,	Males, ...	—	2	3	3	1	—	9
	Females, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1907,	Males, ...	—	1	6	6	6	—	19
	Females, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1908,	Males, ...	1	5	8	3	6	2	26
	Females, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1909,	Males, ...	1	7	9	10	6	1	34
	Females, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910,	Males, ...	—	7	8	2	3	—	20
	Females, ...	—	3	4	7	6	2	22
Totals,		2	25	38	31	28	5	129

TABLE VII.

General Character of the Cases admitted each year.

Year.	Number of persons who could be described as—				
	Well-behaved.	Mismanageable.	Troublesome.	Very troublesome.	Total.
1906,	8	—	1	—	9
1907,	15	1	3	—	19
1908,	23	1	1	—	25
1909,	23	4	3	4	34
1910,	27	6	7	2	42
Totals,	96	12	15	6	129



## APPENDIX A.

TABLE VIII.

Details as to Marriage of Patients admitted each year.

Year	Married	Single	Widowed	Total
1906, ... ..	2	7	—	9
1907, ... ..	6	11	2	19
1908, ... ..	5	18	2	25
1909, ... ..	4	27	3	34
1910, ... ..	29	15	7	43
Totals, ... ..	37	78	14	129

TABLE IX.

DETAILS AS TO EDUCATION.

Number of cases amongst Admissions each year who could—

Year	Neither Read nor write	Read and Write sufficiently	Read and Write well	Superior Education	Total
1906, ... ..	2	5	2	—	9
1907, ... ..	5	7	6	3	19
1908, ... ..	10	5	9	1	25
1909, ... ..	8	17	8	1	34
1910, ... ..	12	7	22	1	42
Totals, ... ..	33	41	47	6	129

TABLE X.

Showing the number of inmates sent each year from the Certified Reformatories to the State Insular Reformatory, Lunatic Asylums, and Prisons.

Reformatory.	Transferred to State Insular Reformatory.						Sent to Lunatic Asylums.						Committed to Prisons for various breaches of Regulations.					
	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Total.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Total.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Total.
St. Patrick's, Waterford.	—	1	3	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	3	5
St. Beigid's, Wexford.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total, ... ..	—	1	3	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	4	6

## APPENDIX B.

Table showing annual and weekly maintenance rate per head for inmates of St. Patrick's Certified Insane Reformatory, Waterford, during the year 1910.

Daily average number of inmates under detention, ... ..	87		
(1) Reformatory Staff Expenses :—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages :—			
Superior Officers (Superintendent, Medical Officer, and Chaplain), ... ..	4 3 9		
Subordinate Officers, ... ..	2 14 6		
Provisions, ... ..	3 10 8		
Uniforms and Laundry, ... ..	0 4 3		
			10 13 2
(2) Inmate Expenses :—			
Provisions, ... ..	12 18 8		
Clothing and Laundry, ... ..	2 15 4		
Medical Requisites, Drugs, &c., ... ..	0 5 11		
Allowances, Amusements, and Games, ... ..	0 10 6		
Removal Expenses, ... ..	1 18 8		
			18 2 1
(3) General Expenses :—			
Fire, Light, and Water, ... ..	2 1 10		
Household Stores, ... ..	1 10 5		
Furniture and Fittings (Repairs and Replacements), ... ..	0 2 11		
Ordinary Repairs to Buildings, ... ..	0 11 6		
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ... ..	0 0 11		
			4 7 7
(4) Management Expenses :—			
Salaries (Clerks, &c.), ... ..	—		
Managers' and Officers' Travelling Expenses, ... ..	0 4 0		
Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements, ... ..	0 8 8		
Telegrams, Stamps, and Cheque Books, ... ..	0 6 3		
Legal Expenses and Bank Charges, ... ..	—		
			0 16 10
Total Maintenance Expenditure per head per annum, ... ..	—		33 19 8
Equivalent Weekly Rate per Inmate, ... ..	—		0 13 1

## APPENDIX C.

Tables relative to Retreat established and Licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during each Year since 1903.

Year.	Number of Retreats Licensed.	Number of Beds available for Patients under the Acts.	Number of Patients admitted under the Acts.			Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Acts).			Total number of Patients treated in Licensed Institutions during each year.
			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
1903 ... ..	1	16*	—	5	5	—	—	—	5
1904, ... ..	1	16*	—	19	19	—	—	—	19
1905, ... ..	1	16	—	15	15	—	—	—	15
1906, ... ..	1	16	—	13	13	—	—	—	13
1907, ... ..	1	16	—	13	13	—	—	—	13
1908, ... ..	1	16	—	8	8	—	—	—	8
1909, ... ..	1	16	—	9	9	—	—	—	9
1910, ... ..	1	12	—	8	8	—	—	—	8

\* Licensed for 15.

TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under Licence, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Year, 1910.

Name and situation.	Name of Licensee.	Date of Licence or Renewal of Licence.	Patients under the Acts.						Total admissions during the year 1910, under the Acts and otherwise.
			Number for which licensed.	Sex.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1909.	Number admitted during the year 1910.	Number discharged during the year 1910.	Number discharges the year 1910.	
The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast.	Miss Rachel Clarke.	6th August, 1909.	12	Female	11	8	11	—	12

TABLE III.

Number of "Private Patients" admitted to Licensed Retreat during the Year 1910.

NAME OF RETREAT.	Number under Treatment 31st December, 1909.	Number Admitted during the year 1910.	Number Discharged during the year 1910.	Deaths during the year 1910.	Number Remaining 31st December, 1910.	Average Term of Residence of all Private Patients.
The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

## APPENDIX C.

TABLE IV.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Act, each year since 1903.

Year.	9 Years.	11 Months.	10 Months.	10 Months.	12 Months.	20 Months.	2 Months.	6 Months.	6 Months.	4 Months.	3 Months and less.	Total.
1903, ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	*1	6
1904, ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	—	—	19
1905, ...	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	15
1906, ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	9	—	—	—	12
1907, ...	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	8	—	—	—	13
1908, ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	8
1909, ...	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	9
1910, ...	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	8
Total, ...	4	—	—	—	30	—	—	55	—	—	1	90

\* Exceptional case.

TABLE V.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Act Discharged from Retreat during the Year 1910.

How Discharged.	Remarks.	Number.	Total.
Elapse of Time, ...	—	—	9
Under Section 15, ...	(By order of the Lord Lieutenant), ...	—	—
Do. 18, ...	(By order of a Judge in Chambers), ...	—	—
Do. 12, ...	(By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat).	—	—
	Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere ...	—	—
	Refactory conduct, rendering continued residence detrimental to the interest of other patients and to the general welfare of the Retreat, ...	—	—
	All health rendering further detention inadvisable, ...	1	—
	Patient unsuitable for Institution in consequence of being subject to severe fits, ...	1	—
			2
Total discharged, ...		—	11